Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
State Forest Resource Management Guide Public Comment Summary

SUMMARY COMMENTS

Greene Sullivan State Forest Compartment 6 Tract 4 30 Day Comment Period Ending: 10/6/2013 Comments Received: 1

The table below is a summary of public comments received concerning the draft Resource Management Guide. The public comments received have been reviewed in their entirety and given due consideration summarized in the Division of Forestry response below.

Area should be allowed more time to shade out understory briars, roses and raspberries and to improve sapling growth, wildlife habitat and recreation uses.

- Concerned on harvest impact to soil stability, strip mine site recovery, impact to strip mine lakes and BMP implementation.
- Timber production conflicts with mixed use management (i.e. timber use, recreation, horse trail and wildlife habitat)
- Concern on shortage of snag trees and large roost trees.
- Recommends reinventory of tract prior to the recommended 2020 harvest.

Division of Forestry Response

- Plan recommendations are consistent with long term site recovery and encourages growth of trees to larger diameters.
- Treatment objective is to remove poor form and undesirable species to release crop trees for continued growth. Prescription regenerates areas of poor quality growth. As prescribed, undergrowth will be managed to promote desirable tree regeneration.
- Mixed use management will continue on this tract under this prescription.
 Recreation use (hunting/foraging/horse trail) will be temporarily disrupted on an infrequent basis during management activity. The horse trail will be closed temporarily for safety reasons during management activities.
- BMPs will be implemented and monitored to protect soil and water resources.
- The guide prescribes a timber harvest between 2020-2022. The tract will be reassessed prior to harvest.